

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2370

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 15, 1982

Application of TARA LINES, INC.,)
for Special Authorization to)
Perform Charter Operations Pursuant)
to Contract -- Forest Service)

Case No. CP-82-07

By application filed September 10, 1982, Tara Lines, Inc., seeks authorization to operate pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under a contract with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) -- Forest Service, transporting Department of Agriculture employees, together with mail, express and baggage in the same vehicle with passengers, over irregular routes, between USDA Forest Service offices at the Rosslyn Plaza Building and the Commonwealth Building, both at Rosslyn, Va., on the one hand, and, on the other, Independence Avenue, S. W., Washington, D. C.

The contract (supplemented by a letter of award) is for a 12-month period from October 1, 1982, through September 30, 1983, at a price of \$24.50 per bus hour. The applicable service requires one vehicle to perform what is essentially a shuttle operation from 8:35 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., on each government workday. The vehicle must have a minimum seating capacity of 37 passengers. Tara operates sufficient suitable equipment to meet stated service demands.

Applicant's owner is an experienced executive in the motor bus business in the Metropolitan District. He certifies that he is familiar with the terms of the Compact and the Commission's requirements thereunder and will comply therewith, and he further states that Tara has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency and is not under any fitness investigation.

Tara's balance sheet as of June 30, 1982, shows current assets of \$59,790, current liabilities of \$7,500, total assets of \$172,885, and equity of \$65,786. For the six months ending June 30, 1982, Tara shows income of \$379,372 and expenses of \$350,886 for pre-tax operating

revenue of \$28,486. The carrier did not present an appropriate projection of operating revenue and deductions and will be directed to supplement its application accordingly.

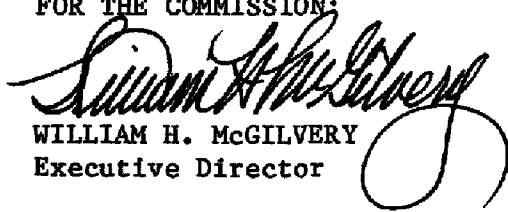
The contracting officer submitted an affidavit in support of the application. He states that between one and 47 passengers will be transported on each trip. This service has been previously provided by Capital City Coach under contract to USDA. USDA has performed a responsibility check on Tara, thus satisfying itself that the carrier has the appropriate capability of performing the required service. A certificate of insurance consistent with Commission Regulation No. 62 is on file.

Inasmuch as there is a definite intent to execute a contract for the transportation of government employees by their employer for a period in excess of 181 days, this application appears generally to be amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. 2/ Pursuant to Commission regulation No. 70-06, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Tara Lines, Inc., publish once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Friday, September 17, 1982.
2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication, together with the supplemental material described above, with the Commission no later than Monday, September 20, 1982.
3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than Monday, September 27, 1982, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on counsel for applicant, L. C. Major, Jr., Esquire, Suite 304, Overlook Building, 6121 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, Va. 22312.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

2/ See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979, and effective July 21, 1979.